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Comments: There are far too few mature forests left in the Pacific Northwest, and we need to do everything we can to preserve them. They are beautiful places, places where we can go to feel at peace, and to hike, mountain bike, go rafting, fishing, and enjoy all kinds of outdoor recreation. The forests should be allowed to grow and flourish rather than being harvested for timber.

In addition, mature forests will stand up better to climate change and be invaluable carbon sinks over the next half century.